

REMARKS:

1) The drawings have been amended by adding a new Fig. 3A, which merely schematically shows the subject matter of a support structure other than a baggage compartment housing, such as an aircraft structural component, as originally disclosed at page 9, lines 1 to 3; page 10, lines 9 to 12 and 19 to 21; as well as original claim 3. Thus, new Fig. 3A does not introduce any new matter. Approval and entry of the Replacement Sheet of drawings bearing new Fig. 3A together with original Figs. 2 and 3 are respectfully requested.

2) The specification has been amended as necessary to expressly refer to the added new Fig. 3A, with inserted reference numbers. These amendments are supported by the original disclosure at page 9, lines 1 to 3 and page 10, lines 9 to 12 and 19 to 21, as well as original claim 3. Thus, the amendments do not introduce any new matter. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

3) The claims have been amended as follows.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 7.

Claim 7 has been canceled.

Dependent claims have been amended to correct the dependency wherever necessary in view of the cancellation of claim 7.

Claim 19 has been amended into independent form combining original claims 1 and 19.

New claims 20 to 26 have been added as dependent from claim 19. The new claims 20 to 26 are based on the subject matter of original claims 2 to 6, 15 and 16 respectively in sequence.

These amendments, merely involving combination of claims, do not introduce any new matter. Entry and consideration of the claim amendments are respectfully requested.

- 4) Referring to sections 1 to 5 on pages 2 to 3 of the Office Action, applicants hereby affirm the election of Species B according to claim 3, the guide bolts in claim 8, Species C according to claim 9, and Species E according to claims 13 and 15.

The claims reading on the elected Species were original claims 1, 3 to 9, 11 to 15 and 17 to 19. After the present amendment, claims 1, 3 to 6, 8, 9, 11 to 15, 17 to 19 and 21 to 25 read on the elected Species.

The present independent claims 1 and 19 are generic, and the claims 2, 10, 16, 20 and 26 directed to non-elected Species remain dependent from these generic claims. Accordingly, upon the allowance of the independent generic claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin the non-elected Species, and accordingly, rejoin, consider and allow present dependent claims 2, 10, 16, 20 and 26.

- 5) Referring to section 6 on page 4 of the Office Action, the new added drawing Fig. 3A schematically shows the aircraft structural component or aircraft airframe structure instead of the baggage compartment housing as the support structure for the baggage bin.

The schematic illustration in new Fig. 3A is supported by the original disclosure as cited above. Thus, the new Fig. 3A does not introduce any new matter. Approval and entry of the Replacement Sheet of drawings, and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings, are respectfully requested.

- 6) Referring to section 10 on page 7 of the Office Action, the indication of allowable subject matter in original claims 7 to 9, 11 to 14 and 19 is appreciated. After the present amendment, all of the remaining claims incorporate allowable subject matter.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 7. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2 to 6 and 8 to 18 should now be allowable.

Claim 19 has been amended into independent form incorporating original claims 1 and 19. Thus, claim 19 and its new dependent claims 20 to 26 should now be allowable.

- 7) Referring to sections 7 to 9 on pages 4 to 7 of the Office Action, the prior art rejections of original claims 1, 3 to 6, 15, 17 and 18 have been obviated by the present amendments. Each of the remaining independent claims 1 and 19 incorporates allowable subject matter of claims that had not been subject to the rejections. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

- 8) Referring to section 11 on page 7 of the Office Action, the additional prior art made of record requires no particular comments because it has not been applied against the claims.

- 9) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 6 and 8 to 26, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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